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6	JUNE 23, 2016	
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10	HELD AT: Eastchester Town Hall 40 Mill Road	
11	Eastchester, New York 10709 7:00 p.m.	
12	7.00 p.m.	
13	BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	
14	CHAIRMAN JAMES BONANNO	
15	ROBERT PULASKI, MEMBER MARK CUNNINGHAM, MEMBER	
16	PHILIP NEMECEK, MEMBER	
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19	EASTCHESTER EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE:	
19	MARGARET UHLE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING	
20	ROBERT TUDISCO, DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MICHAEL VERNON, ASSISTANT PLANNER	
21	MICHAEL VERNOR, INSTITUTE LEMMAN	
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THE CHAIRMAN: This is the town of Eastchester Planning Board meeting of June 23, 2016. If everyone would rise for the Pledge of 5 Allegiance, please. 6

(Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

8 THE CHAIRMAN: I'm going to take attendance here. Mr. Phil Nemecek.

MR. NEMECEK: Present.

THE CHAIRMAN: Robert Pulaski is not in his seat next to me, but he's on the way and promises to be here In 10 minutes. Jim Bonanno is here. Bill West could not be here tonight.

15 Mark Cunningham.

MR. CUNNINGHAM: Here. Present.

16 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Great. So we're just 18 going to -- since 504 New Rochelle Road we 19 would like all to be present when we do that, 20 we're just going to jostle around the agenda a 21 little bit and we're going to start with 96

22 Stebbins Avenue, please.

MR. NEMECEK: With a big grin on his

24 face. He gets to go first.

THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to get you DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 2 out of here fast. 3 MR. IANNACITO: Yesterday I was number 4 three 5 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Moving up.

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MR. NEMECEK: If you could give us a Joe Namath Super Bowel III wagging number 1 7 finger, that would be good. 8

MR. IANNACITO: Good evening. My name is John Iannacito. I'm an architect, and I'm representing Mr. and Mrs. Conybeare this 11 12 evening, the owners of the subject property.

We are proposing additions and

14 alterations to the existing single family residence located at 96 Stebbins Avenue. The 15 16 proposed scope of work will include a two story 17 addition and portico addition at the front of the existing residence. It's highlighted in 19 pink. We're proposing construction of a second story addition over the existing footprint, 20 which is highlighted In yellow. We're also 21 proposing interior alterations on the first and second floor, including expanding the living 24 space into the existing garage, which is shown 25 here on the floor plan, and site alterations,

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including expansion and relocation of the 3 driveway, a new front walkway and a new stone patio at the rear.

5 Here we have a photograph of the existing residence. It's a typical cape with doggie dormers and one story over the existing garage and a full shed dormer at the rear of 9 the house.

The proposed elevations. Here we have 11 the two story addition with a new portico, a new shed dormer across the front expanded over 13 the existing garage. On the rear, we're leaving the existing shed dormer and expanding it over the garage also, and we're proposing a 16 new bay at the side facing the street on Beech 17 Street.

On the finish exterior materials we're proposing the wall surfaces will be a stained cedar shingle in a cottage gray finish, which is this one here. The roof surfaces will be an 21 asphalt shingle in a moire black finish.

That's this one on the top here, the dark one.

24 The windows will be a vinyl clad in a white

25 finish, trim will be painted AZEK in a white

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2	finish, and the gutters will be aluminum in a	2	to find out, those pillars at the front
3	white finish.	3	entrance, the color?
4	The application was presented to the	4	MR. IANNACITO: The color?
5	Architectural Review Board on June 2nd, and it	5	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
6	was approved with one minor recommendation and	6	MR. IANNACITO: White.
7	that was to move these upper windows closer so	7	THE CHAIRMAN: They'll all be white?
8	that they would align with the windows below	8	MR. IANNACITO: It's going to be a six
9	and we've done that.	9	by six post wrapped in AZEK.
10	Thank you for your time, and I'm happy	10	THE CHAIRMAN: Got it.
11	to answer any questions you have.	11	MR. IANNACITO: In white.
12	MR. NEMECEK: So there's no change to	12	THE CHAIRMAN: And the fake balcony on
13	the footprint other than the portico perhaps?	13	top, the railing?
14	MR. IANNACITO: Yes. The little red	14	MR. IANNACITO: That will be a vinyl
15	pink area is the only expansion as far as on	15	railing.
16	the ground.	16	THE CHAIRMAN: White also?
17	MR. NEMECEK: Okay. In terms of the	17	MR. IANNACITO: Yes, white also. THE CHAIRMAN: But there's no access
18	impervious surfaces, what is the difference	18	from inside?
19	between what's existing and what's proposed?	19	MR. IANNACITO: No access. That room
20	MR. IANNACITO: The impervious	20	up there on the second floor is a laundry room.
21	surfaces are increasing by 450 square feet, and	21	There will be no access up there.
22	we will be adding dry wells to capture the	23	MR. NEMECEK: There's no change to the
23	runoff. We're still below the required. So	24	building height?
24	the property is a maximum of 2500 square feet of coverage and we will be at 1811.	25	MR. IANNACITO: No. The ridge height
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3	MR. IANNACITO: This is all shingle.	3	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.
4	MR. NEMECEK: Our sizable viewing	4	(All aye.)
5	audience at home needs to be able to hear every	5	THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
6	comment.	6	MR. NEMECEK: Nice work. Good luck.
7	MR. IANNACITO: It will be an asphalt	7	MR. IANNACITO: Thank you. Have a
8	shingle to match the rest of the roof.	8	great summer.
9	THE CHAIRMAN: It's a very beautiful	9	THE CHAIRMAN: Thanks, you too.
10	roof.	10	MR. NEMECEK: You too, thanks.
11	MR. NEMECEK: Which black was it?	11	THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to swing
12	MR. IANNACITO: Moire black. It's the	12	back to 504 New Rochelle Road now. So the next
13	top one there I think it is. The dark one.	13	Application 16-36, 504 New Rochelle Road. You
14	MR. NEMECEK: Yes, I see it.	14	can set up. We'll be back in a second.
15	THE CHAIRMAN: Would you like to make	15	(Whereupon, a short recess was taken.)
16	comments on this application?	16	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I apologize
17	MR. NEMECEK: I have no further	17	for the delay.
		18	MS. MARTIN: Good evening, Mr.
18	comments at this point. Open the public		Chairman, members of the Planning Board. My
19	hearing?	19	name is Jillian Martin. I'm the construction
20	THE CHAIRMAN: We'll let Bob settle	20	
21	in.	21	manager for CPD Energy, the applicant for 504
22	I'm going to do the public hearing.	22	New Rochelle Road in Bronxville.
23	So I'm going to make a motion to open the	23	Tonight we are looking at a many times
24	public hearing on Application 16-36, 96	24	reviewed and changed application from 2013 for
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23 would be a Hardie Board plank siding in the

25 in antique white and an architectural shingle

24

color of heathered moss with Hardie Board trim

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14 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 1 in a brown color. The darker green metal piece that I handed is that standing seam roof above 3 the front door. 4 5 THE CHAIRMAN: You can continue. We'll just pass this around. 6 7 MS. MARTIN: Okay. I think that's 8 about all that I could think of to tell you at 9 the moment. I do realize that we've been going 10 back and forth for quite awhile, and I believe 11 this the first time you've seen it since 2013, 12 so if there are any questions, I'm sure I'm 13 forgetting some detail that you would like to 14 hear, but please feel free to ask me. 15 MR. NEMECEK: Can you just highlight 16 for us the change in the configuration of, let's say, the parking spaces and --17 18 MS. MARTIN: Sure, I would be happy to. 19 20 MR. NEMECEK: And the overall use of 21 the property. 22 MS. MARTIN: Yes. So currently the 23 use of the property is an abandoned maintenance bay and a small convenience store with the gasoline distribution. The proposed use 25

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15 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 1 2 removes the maintenance bay and keeps the other 3 functions, enlarging the convenience store 4 function. 5 As far as the current sight plan is up on the screen here. As you will see, there are no delineated parking spaces. The curbing in 7 8 this area is not there as it's shown on our 9 proposes plan, there are no designated ins and 10 out off of New Rochelle or Hillcrest Road, which is changed in the proposed plan. There 11 12 is a trailer located behind the building where 13 my pointer is on the screen here. That would 14 be removed and the area of the addition is taking up this particular piece. There will be 15 some site lighting upgrades. So the canopy 16 lights will be replaced with LED lights and 17 site lights will be added at the locations 18 discussed and approved through Zoning and ARB. 19 20 Up on the screen now is the proposed 21 site plan that has gone through those approval 22 processes. As you can see, there is some 23 curbing upgrades and landscaping increased areas. The parking spaces are delineated. 24 25 There is a variance for the number of parking **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER** 16 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 1

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the backup aisle from the parking spaces and

their distance to the pumps. Those have both 4

5 been granted. There is some additional

sidewalk in front and around the building to 6

7 accommodate handicap access from the designated

8 handicapped parking spot, as well as some 9 striping throughout.

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MR. NEMECEK: What's the size of the convenience store that exists right now and how does that differ from the proposed --

MS. MARTIN: Currently, the building 13 14 is 1,735 square feet, and we are proposing an 15 addition of 346 square feet.

MR. NEMECEK: The building is exclusive -- the 1,000 and change that you just mentioned, is that exclusive of the garage?

19 MS. MARTIN: That includes the garage. That is the entire square foot of the existing 20 21 structure.

22 MR. NEMECEK: Okay. So how much of 23 the existing structure is presently being 24 utilized as a convenience store? 25

MS. MARTIN: As a convenience store? **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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2	MR. NEMECEK: Yes.	2	permit approval. So they're only permitted to
3	MS. MARTIN: I would approximate a	3	have sort of things that could keep food warm.
4	third of it.	4	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The fence on I
5	MR. NEMECEK: 3 or 400 square feet.	5	guess it's the south side
6	MS. MARTIN: It's 1,700, so I would	6	MS. MARTIN: This is the north arrow
7	say it's probably about 600.	7	here, so, yes, the fence line is on every other
8	MR. NEMECEK: Okay.	8	side pretty much.
9	THE CHAIRMAN: It's being expanded to	9	THE CHAIRMAN: The fence there, that's
10	the new footprint of a thousand you said?	10	a proposed new stockade fence?
11	MR. NEMECEK: 1300 or plus?	11	MS. MARTIN: It is proposed to be a
12	MS. MARTIN: 17.	12	new stockade fence, correct.
13	THE CHAIRMAN: 17. The retail items	13	MS. UHLE: I know you presented some
14	that are going to be offered for sale, typical	14	of these details to the ARB, but do you have
15	convenience store items?	15	details of the fence for the Planning Board?
16	MS. MARTIN: Typical convenience store	16	MS. MARTIN: Uh-huh. They're on your
17	items. Walk-in coolers and freezers with sodas	17	detail sheet but they're brought up here as
18	and beverages. In New York there would be	18	well, and I do have a sample if you're
19	alcohol sales, chips, snacks, bottles of water,	19	interested. And that is proposed to be 6 feet
20	newspapers, bundles of wood, ice, that sort of	20	high, which matches the existing.
21	thing, as well as the typical automotive items	21	THE CHAIRMAN: Say that again.
22	that you would find. Basic household goods for	22	MS. MARTIN: It's proposed to be 6
23	convenience purposes, paper plates, paper	23	feet high, which replaces the existing fence,
24	towels, you know, small packages of things you	24	which is also the highest without a variance
25	might run out of.	25	per your code.
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3 MS. MARTIN: Correct. It is possible that the units themselves might be swapped out 4 for newer models, but it would be for like an 5 upgrade that would be an equipment upgrade as 7 opposed to a renovation.

8 MR. NEMECEK: What are the present 9 hours of operation of the gas station as well as the convenience store?

10 11 MS. MARTIN: I believe the present 12 hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

MS, UHLE: That's what I've been told, that 6 to 11 are the current hours.

15 MS. MARTIN: Based on my services from 16 the operation side. Ideally when we renovate, we do push for a 24 hour operation, but after 17 speaking with Margaret and your police department through Margaret, we understand that 20 that's not something feasible in this jurisdiction. 21

22 THE CHAIRMAN: And as you said just as far as curb cuts go, there is no real curb cut 24 now.

> MS. MARTIN: It's kind of a free for **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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all at the moment. This would be designating more succinct entrances and exits and cutting down on the free for all. 4

5 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Has there been any 6 sort of a study on this from the town for traffic flow here? It seems a lot of 7

8 congestion to the front. There is one entrance

9 into the building, there is no second form of

egress, deliveries come through the front door, 10

the parking to the side, they're backing out,

everybody's parked to get gas --12

MS. MARTIN: Yes, they're --

14 MR. CUNNINGHAM: -- Goes inside. It 15 seems like there's a bit of congestion. That's my first reaction after looking at the old layout. 17

18 MS. MARTIN: Understood. There's been 19 quite a bit of discussion with the traffic

consultant from the town. We've gone back and

21 forth many times, offered many different

22 solutions. This is the one that has been

23 selected through those discussions.

24 MS. UHLE: I think because it's an existing site, the goal of the Zoning Board, at

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least in working with our traffic engineer and

3 with the applicant, was understanding existing

4 site constraints to make sure that access and

5 egress to the site and site circulation

functioned as smoothly as possible. Again, as

smoothly as possible given the circumstances. 7

To the extent that even if you see adjacent to 8

9 New Rochelle Road where there is a large

10 landscaped island up there, there was

previously an additional parking space to 11

12 satisfy parking requirements, but the board and

the traffic engineer were concerned that if 13

somebody was backing out of there it might 14

create queuing. So they did try to balance the 15

parking needs with the circulation needs, 16

again, given the constraints of the site. So 17

the Zoning Board much more thoroughly than they 18

19 do typically really worked with the applicant

20 to modify the site plan to get it to function

as smoothly as possible, again, considering the 21

existing site constraints. 22

THE CHAIRMAN: I think we're going to

hear from our traffic consultant too, to 24

25 summarize the progress with the Zoning Board.

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MS. MARTIN: Yes.

MS. UHLE: Jillian, do you have a 3

separate landscape plan, and did you go over 4 5

that, I'm sorry, because I kept stepping out?

MS. MARTIN: That's the color 6

7 rendering that is here on the board and it's

8 now up on the screen as well. For the

9 recommendations through the ARB, we did have a

licensed landscape architect prepare this 10

particular plan. I'll zoom in as much as I 11

can. Some of it is to be maintained and kept 12 13

clean and tidy.

14 So the existing wooded area in the back is to be maintained with the small 15 exceptions of anywhere that it overlaps some of

the additional building of the proposed 17

18 project. If needed, it will get pruned back

around the dumpster enclosure and the building 19

corner here. We did look at the option of 20

21 putting additional plantings back there.

Because that canopy is so developed, there is 22

23 no sunlight that gets to the base -- to the

24 ground level. So, unfortunately, nothing would

really grow because of the immense amount of

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Additionally, we looked at the hedge along Hillcrest here to make sure that it was not a line of sight issue for cars in and out and that is to be maintained as well. The firm 7 that we used for landscape architecture is also 8 licensed in traffic. So they made sure all of 9 10 that flowed and worked properly. There is additional plantings shown around the price 11

12 sign, which is on the corner of New Rochelle and Hillcrest. The sign itself is to remain 13 there. There are no changes to that sign; 15 location, size, content, etcetera. 16

There is additional landscaping shown 17 here and to be maintained on the property line 18 between the parking and the commercial building on the other side. There was originally some additional landscaping in this area, but that was removed when the condensing units were 22 moved over to that area.

MS. UHLE: Can't you increase the landscaping in that area slightly, though, 24 25 adjacent to the --

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increased the area of the fencing in the hopes 3 of trying to keep some of that greenery away from the units and clogging them up. So 5 ideally we would like to keep that space for maintenance access and to minimize issues with the trees and falling leaves.

MS. MARTIN: Potentially. We

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any new site 9 lighting on the plan? 10

MS. MARTIN: There is replacement of 11 the existing site lighting with updated and 12 upgraded LEDs. There is also wall packs along 13 14 the exterior of the building more so for 15 security than site lighting. There are six of those total. 16

THE CHAIRMAN: What exactly are wall 17 18 packs?

19 MS. MARTIN: I'm sorry.

THE CHAIRMAN: Wall packs.

MS. MARTIN: I could bring up more 21

information on those. One moment. 22

So we did a full photometric study of 23 the lighting on the property to make sure that

there wasn't any additional light overflow from

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As far as what a wall pack is, this

our property to the others. So the wall packs 2 are these shown in orange. 3

particular fixture is a wall pack. So it is a 5 wall mounted fixture, it's affixed to the side of the building and shines light downward. 7 It's mainly for security purposes. There's no 8 overly large amount of light shining outward. 9

THE CHAIRMAN: So back to the your 10 photometric study. 11

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: So that shows proposed lighting levels?

MS. MARTIN: Correct. So there are eight lights shown within the canopy. The most light would be directly under the canopy itself with some light resonating outward towards the rest of the site. There are four soffit lights within the overhang of the building in the front pointing downward, six wall packs around

the building, and then there are three site 22

lights, which are these blue ones shown here. 23

This one here was an additional light added and 24

moved specifically to this location for the 25

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THE CHAIRMAN: So I guess this shows 3 that the lighting as a result is no worse than 4 I guess the green, whatever that measure is?

MS. MARTIN: So the numbers on here are foot candle measurements. So what this is showing is that there is no more than .1 foot candles of light along this particular border,

which is the one on the residential side, which 10 is the equivalent of moonlight. So we're not

11 contributing any additional substantial light 12

pollution to that property line, which was 13

14 important. This is obviously the main road

here. So there is a little bit additional 15

light coming out in those locations, but all of 16

the lights are shielded to make sure that we 17

decrease that pollution as much as possible 18

while maintaining safe light levels for 19 20 operation in the nighttime hours.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just as a reference, .1 21 22

light candle you said is along the property line over there?

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MS. MARTIN: Back here? THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

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2 MR. NEMECEK: But it will be during 3 hours of operation; right?

MS. MARTIN: Correct, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just so you know we're

6 going to talk to our traffic engineer first

also, but as far as fuel deliveries, just as a 7

point of reference, do they schedule them; 8 9 like, what happens to the flow of traffic when

the truck comes in; how does it get in, how 10

does it get out? Is that something our 11

12 consultant can answer?

MS. MARTIN: I believe that was

14 discussed. Your consultant discussed that,

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THE CHAIRMAN: We'll listen to him.

Okay. I think for now that's fine. I think 17

we're going to listen to our traffic consultant 18 19

now. Thank you.

MS. MARTIN: Sounds good. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: If you would, please.

MR. GREALY: Good evening, Mr.

Chairman, members of the board, members of

public. My name is Philip Grealy. I'm a 24

25 professional engineer with Maser Consulting.

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We had been engaged to review this application

back in the fall of 2014 relative to traffic, 3

circulation, additional traffic generation for 4

the facility. 5

> So as part of our review, we did collect existing traffic count data. Some data

was available from Westchester County. We did

8 our own traffic counts primarily because of the 9

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situation with the operation of the station and

the small convenience usage to see what was 11

12 actually generated at the site today. When

13 you're doing a traffic study, if there wasn't a

14 site here we rely on what's called the

15 Institute of Transportation Engineers. They

16 develop and collect data for different types of

uses. One where there's been a lot of data 17

18 collection is convenience gas operations

19 throughout the country. But in this particular

case because it was an operating facility, we 20

21 did our own traffic counts to see what this

site generated today on a peak hour basis. So 22

23 those counts were done primarily morning

commuter hours, afternoon commuter hours. 24 25

In general, just to kind of give you a **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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flavor, I mean, the traffic on New Rochelle 2

Road is very heavy, almost 15,000 vehicles per

day on that corridor passing this site. During

a one hour period, let's say in the morning 5

between 8 and 9 a.m., somewhere in excess of

1400 vehicles passing this site, you know, 7

split along New Rochelle Road, but you have 8

9 that number of vehicles there today. Coming

out of Hillcrest today somewhere between 50 to 10

60 vehicles in an hour period. The station 11

12 itself with the operation at the time we did

13 our surveys generated somewhere between 40 --

14 approximately 40 to 60 trips per hour and of

those trips approximately equally split. So of 15

the 40, 20 inbound, 20 outbound in a one hour 16 period. 17

In terms of the expansion area, and again, I think as the applicant pointed out, the area where the expansion is they're getting rid of the trailer which is used for storage,

22 etcetera, in the back of the building, so in

terms of additional trips, we look at the total 23

square footage of the building as this use with 24 25

the gas and convenience and based on ITE data,

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 this site would generate somewhere between 60

to 70 trips per hour. So you're looking about 3

a 20 vehicle increase, 20 to 25 vehicle 4

increase. On a roadway like this, most of 5

those trips are what we call pass-by trips.

They're attracting people in off the traffic 7

8 stream. So in the peak hours you find that a

9 high percentage are pass-by trips.

10 In terms of the review of the plan and circulation, we did have pretty substantial 11 12 reviews with the ZBA and with the applicant to try to improve circulation. You know, right 13

now the site was functioning as a free for all. 14

15 There's no delineated parking spaces. In terms of vehicle conflicts with pedestrians, when we 16

did our traffic counts, we observed conflicts 17

18 both with pedestrians and even with vehicles.

Right now the driveway configuration -- and 19

again, we suggested closing this driveway 20 21 because traffic was found exiting from this

driveway heading right on New Rochelle Road 22

when you had left turn vehicles coming out of 23

Hillcrest. So that was a conflict we were 24

trying to eliminate to improve this. So when **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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people are making this left turn, as it is 2 they're looking for a break in the traffic on 3

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New Rochelle Road, they didn't have to contend 4

with traffic exiting from the station. So that 5

6 was primarily the reason for that change. 7

In terms of the entry area, again, right now people park wherever. We had angled parking spaces some distance into the site before the first space so that if a vehicle was backing out the same time someone was entering,

12 there is at least some storage area. 13

The crosswalk, which the applicant 14 mentioned about relocating that, there were two reasons for that: One was for vehicles making

16 a left turn in here, they could make that

maneuver at the same time there was a 17

pedestrian crossing. Right now, it's in

conflict. The other reason was the plaza next 19

20 door when traffic is coming out of there -- and

again, this is where the traffic signal is at 21

parkway plaza -- coming out of there they would 22

come out the driveway and then all of a sudden 23

they will upon the crosswalk. So by having it 24

25 here, more standard, perpendicular, you have a **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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better visibility from exiting the adjacent property. So that was part of that.

In terms of fueling deliveries, the applicant did provide information, including

5 turning tracks, etcetera. We did talk about 6

being able to see if it could be restricted so 7

that, you know, in the morning rush hour when 8

the facility is busy, not to have a delivery at 9

10 that time period. Now, to a certain extent

it's self enforcing by the applicant because 11

12 they don't want to disrupt their operation with

a delivery, especially on a tight site like 13

14 this. We had talked about that more middle of

the day is better for a delivery as opposed to 15

16 when you have your highest volume on the

roadway and on the site. We talked about the 17

18 snow removal because there is not really areas

to store snow in a significant event. A lot of 19

this discussion came up in the winter of '14 20

21 into '15 when we had a lot of snow. This past

year we didn't have that situation, but, you 22

know, it's a problem on a site where you don't 23

24 have snow storage areas. So again, I think Margaret mentioned that was a concern of the

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ZBA, and we had mentioned it, and that was part 2 3 of their decision to include that.

A few other items. I guess in terms 4 of this area here, as you're exiting the 5

driveway there is a hedge row in here, and I

don't know what's proposed right here, but we 7

would recommend that that be pruned or removed 8

so you have better sight lines exiting that 9

driveway not only for vehicles approaching but 10

for, you know, the pedestrians. You have the 11

12 sidewalk right adjacent to here. So when a

vehicle is exiting both for the vehicle and for 13 a pedestrian to be able to see the vehicle

14 exiting, we felt that that should be either 15

16 removed, pruned, or best case would be replaced

with some lower plantings so you have a good 17

18 visible line of site. 19

Other items, there were some other changes in and around the building to allow vehicles to pass when there is someone stopped

at the pumps. We find that a lot of these 22

facilities people do park at the pumps. Some 23 will get gas and then go into the convenience 24

store, some will actually park at the pumps, 25

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but this sidewalk here was modified to allow

that circulation to pass a vehicle that would 3

be parked at the pump. 4

I think those are the major items.

We, again, did talk about the fuel delivery times, but I don't think there was anything set

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8 in stone. Just if it could be avoided in the real peak hours of traffic, it would be better. 9

I think that was pretty much what we covered. 10

I would be happy to answer any questions.

MR. NEMECEK: You mentioned figures about numbers of visits in an hour, and I think you said -- I think I may not have followed you -- I heard something about 60 visits, which -- and then possibly increasing to 60 to 70, is that --

MR. GREALY: So when we talk about trips, a trip is one in and one out. So --

MR. NEMECEK: If I go to fuel my car, I'm responsible for two.

MR. GREALY: Two trips.

MR. NEMECEK: I go in and I go out.

MR. GREALY: That's correct. At this

facility we found in the morning it was

1 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 likely the increased square footage of the 2 convenience store and the attractiveness of the 3 convenience store and all that's sold there. 4 MR. GREALY: Yes. And I think the 5 generation figures of what's there today is 6 7 because there is some convenience operation the numbers were a little higher than if there's was no convenience operation. So that's why 9 10 the differential. Again, the database takes 11 into account the square footage of the 12 convenience store with the expanded area. 13 MR. NEMECEK: Just out of curiosity, 14 is that data -- is that data neatly calculated 15 per region or is it just nationwide? I would think that people's habits in the northeast are 16 17 a little more refined than in other areas. 18 MR. GREALY: It's nationwide, but if 19 you look at the breakdown of the data, a lot of 20 it is collected in this area. We also have done a lot of reviews of other facilities 21 22 before and after in this area and with the 23 exception of the convenience stores that have a Dunkin Donuts in it, these data points are

pretty accurate. When you have a Dunkin Donuts

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11 from -- ves, they would circulate to get back out onto Hillcrest. There were several 12 discussions about, you know, flow at this 13 14 15

driveway. We did keep it wider. The main thing was to try to remove this conflict point, 16 because it wasn't just conflicts of vehicles 17 exiting here and vehicles turning off of 18 Hillcrest, you also have the pedestrian movements along there. So that was the reason 19 20 for that suggestion to close it, and it seems 21 to be a better situation. 22 THE CHAIRMAN: So someone that comes 23 in off Hillcrest and pulls up to a pump

adjacent to the convenience store on the other

side, where is he parking?

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of gas pumps that are there.

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MR. GREALY: That's correct.

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2	MR. GREALY: They would have to make a	2	really the trip to the station. Whether they
3	turn to loop back around and come out, yes.	3	do combined uses once they're on the site, it's
4	MR. NEMECEK: There's a traffic light	4	the number of total trips we look at.
5	just, I guess, west of the crosswalk, right;	5	MR. NEMECEK: When you talk about the
6	there is an existing one leading out of the	6	trips and how at the peak hour, 7:45, 8:45, 8
7	plaza next door?	7	to 9, whatever that is, you had a roughly
8	MR. GREALY: Yes.	8	50 percent increase projected; that 50 percent
9	MR. NEMECEK: There is no traffic	9	increase, is that across the board for all
10	light down on Hillcrest; right?	10	hours?
11	MR. GREALY: On Hillcrest, no.	11	MR. GREALY: Throughout the day?
12	MR. NEMECEK: There is just a stop	12	MR. NEMECEK: Yes.
13	sign at Hillcrest?	13	MR. GREALY: In terms of
14	MR. GREALY: Yes.	14	MR. NEMECEK: People aren't getting
15	MR. NEMECEK: There is no stop sign,	15	coffee after 9:00.
16	though, on the New Rochelle Road area going	16	MR. GREALY: You're going to increased
17	east; right?	17	usage during the day. I don't know the exact
18	MR. GREALY: No. No. Anywhere in	18	numbers and other hours. We only counted about
19	this stretch coming out other than at the	19	three hours in the morning and two or
20	light, you know, the queues from the light do	20	three hours in the afternoon.
21	back up past Hillcrest today. As I said,	21	MR. NEMECEK: Do the models bear that
22	there's approximately 50 to 60 vehicles an hour	22	out? I mean, the usage will be less,
23	that come out of here, I forget the exact	23	obviously. Instead of let's say
24	split. In the morning, there were more left	24	hypothetically instead of having 40 trips at
25	turners, of course, than right turners.	25	peak time, maybe at 8:00 at night there are 15
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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 1 effect of this increase in traffic on the site 2 and whether the site as presently configured in 3 this application that's before us today can 4 handle that? 5 MR. GREALY: Yes. 6 MR. NEMECEK: What is that opinion? 7 MR. GREALY: I'm sorry. 8 MR. NEMECEK: What is that opinion? I 9 10 asked if you formed an opinion. MR. GREALY: Oh, yes. They've 11 incorporated the changes that we suggested in 12 terms of circulation to allow vehicles to exit 13 14 to keep those aisles open, the turning tracks 15 were looked at, their engineer also provided 16 that information to us, so from a circulation standpoint and being able to handle the volume, 17 yes. One of the things at a site like this, if 18 all the spaces are full and I'm coming by, our 19 numbers don't, you know, take any reduction for 20 21 the fact that there is maybe fewer spaces here 22 than at some other sites, so typically what 23 happens is people say, I'm not going in because there's no place to park. So from a generation standpoint they may actually be lower, but the **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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applicant has to live with that in terms of 2 3 operations. We've tried to create a circulation pattern that flows well, has 4 aisles, takes into account the pedestrians, in 5 6 the areas that were tight adjustments were made so that the sidewalk and the vehicle paths work 7 together. Again, I think the site distance 8 here is an important thing that the board still has to work into this. We talked about it briefly with the ZBA, but again, they weren't reviewing the site plan.

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10 11 12 MR. NEMECEK: One other point I would 13 like to revisit, I think you -- I don't recall 14 the precise terminology, but most of the people 15 who would stop at this gas station are not 16 people -- this isn't a destination onto itself, 17 it's people who are part of the traffic flow to 18 19 begin with who look down and say, hey, you know, I have a quarter of a tank, maybe I could 20 fill my gas tank up and get a cup of coffee 21 while I'm there. So what's --22

MR. GREALY: The studies show that 23 ranges anywhere from 45 to 75 percent of what 24 goes into the driveways is what's either a 25

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MR. NEMECEK: Pass-by. 3

MR. GREALY: -- Or a diverted link 4 trip. So diverted link trip may be if somebody 5 6 was at CVS and they may come up here and they will still show up at the driveway but they 7 were already on New Rochelle Road. So they 8 could be in this section diverted somewhat. 9 The pass-by is strictly where they're passing 10

MR. NEMECEK: Okay. That data, without delving too deeply, is that based on the same ITE?

by, they come in, and they go back out.

MR. GREALY: ITE, yes. Typically, the higher the average daily traffic or the volume that's on the road, the higher that percentage goes. If you had a road with very low existing volumes, then it does become more of a destination trip in more rural areas. When you're talking about ADT's of close to 15,000 and, you know, 14 to 1500 vehicles an hour, it's usually a pretty high percent of what are pass-by or diverted trips.

MR. NEMECEK: So I guess -- you said DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 1 45 to 70 percent were pass-bys or the other the 3 link --

MR. GREALY: Diverted link trips.

MR. NEMECEK: Yes, diverted link. So basically if you're talking about an increase of overall usage of about 50 percent, in terms of the overall traffic flow you're probably only talking about maybe a 25 percent increase.

MR. GREALY: Or even less.

MR. NEMECEK: That's not even fair. Based on 1500 or 1400 an hour during peak, it's a relatively -- because it's not a destination, it's principally a pass-by or diverted link, you're not necessarily going to be increasing the traffic flow very much on New Rochelle Road. What you might have a problem with is more people will be making that left turn.

MR. GREALY: They're going to be turning in out and out of the driveway.

MR. NEMECEK: That's the principal 22 traffic issue?

MR. GREALY: That's why when we refer to those numbers, we don't reflect the pass-by because they still have to come in and out of

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EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 the driveways. They're just not added to the traffic stream on the roadway.

MR. NEMECEK: Okay.

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5 THE CHAIRMAN: So to continue that point, is there -- I think due to the usage or 6 increased usage of the space, it's not going to 7 have an effect on the traffic on New Rochelle 8 Road; what about the turning in, turning out, 9 queues backing up into the street, is that a 10 11 consideration or that's been studied?

12 MR. GREALY: Yes. You're talking 13 about increased turning movements at the 14 driveway, increased traffic on Hillcrest coming out, so you're looking at approximately one additional exiting trip every 2 to 3 minutes, you know, during those time periods. 17

18 THE CHAIRMAN: So that doesn't cause any change in the flow of traffic on either 19 road, that one or two --20

21 MR. GREALY: Well, in terms of right 22 now getting out onto New Rochelle Road, you have to wait to get out, of course, because of 23 the heavy flow. Traffic on the site will have 25 to wait to get out to Hillcrest. They will

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have to wait for the one or two cars that

- distance wise will be able to stack for them to 3
- clear. Again, we think it's a better situation
- than the conflict point that was here. If this
- was left open, those vehicles wouldn't come on
- 7 to Hillcrest and out, but it created a lot of
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THE CHAIRMAN: So what I'm hearing is 9 that actually in the end because you've made 10 the circulation pattern a little bit better, 11 gotten rid of some of the entrances, it's 12 actually a better condition, maybe a little bit more cars but in the end no worse than what's

there? 15 MR. GREALY: The control should be 16 better than it is today in terms of that or the 17

18 conflict points. THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 19

20 MR. NEMECEK: I suspect we may hear

from our in-person audience today on this 21

- point, but does diverting all of the exit 22
- 23 traffic out to Hillcrest, given the fact I
- guess the southbound Hutchison River Parkway 24
 - entrance is -- I don't recall the name of the

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street but I've taken it before -- you can 2

3 access that by going up the hill at Hillcrest

and making a left turn at some point, did you 4

do any analysis -- and I know at a certain 5

point on the way up the hill on Hillcrest it 6

ceases to be the lovely town of Eastchester and 7

becomes the beautiful city of Mount Vernon --8

MR. GREALY: City of Mount Vernon, 9 10

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MR. NEMECEK: -- Have you performed 11 12 any tests as to what the expectation is in terms of the increased traffic load or traffic 13 flow on the upper portion of Hillcrest? 14 15

MR. GREALY: Basically heading south on Hillcrest?

MR. NEMECEK: Yes, correct.

MR. GREALY: I don't remember the numbers off the top of my head, but when we counted the driveways of where people exited today and where they were going, there was

22 traffic that did exit already going on

23 Hillcrest, some had actually came out onto New

24 Rochelle Road and then made a right, but most

of the -- I think because it's pass-by traffic, 25

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they continued along New Rochelle Road, most of

those trips. So we would expect that pattern 3

to continue but there will be some increase. 4

5 Again, I think the pattern that's there is not

going to change drastically whether you come 6

7 right out here or whether you come out onto

Hillcrest. It's not enough of a diversion from 8 9

where you want to go to.

Again, we did look at keeping that driveway open. One of the earlier recommendations was to at least reduce the width of it to try to control that traffic

14 better so that there was some separation

between the point of where they are exiting 15

today and where people are coming out of 16 Hillcrest. So that was another alternative. 17

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We did look at that. But we really felt that

it needed to be tightened up so it wasn't the 19

20 free for all that was there. So that's

something the board could look at further, but 21

I think this seemed to be the best controlled 22

23 relative to pedestrians and vehicles.

MR. NEMECEK: Okay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Although this is the

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MS. UHLE: Well, the initial

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this size, we had another review.

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work you've done with the Zoning Board. It

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62 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 1 2 So I had a couple of concerns, and I 3 don't know if it's under your purview, but the 4 stockade fence that the owner is proposing, you know, I ask that you consider having a vinyl 5 fence. The reason for that is because it's 6 7 less maintenance, and the reason I'm concerned about maintenance is that since this 9 organization took over that property, they've 10 failed to maintain that property. We've had to 11 call on a number of occasions to get snow 12 removal from the sidewalks and from the 13 driveways. We've also had to call on numerous 14 occasions because of the litter that is in and 15 around the property. We also had to call --16 not just myself but the neighbors also -- with 17 the failure to maintain the shrubs that along 18 Hillcrest Road. So I know it kind of affects 19 me the most, but I ask that you consider 20 requiring a vinyl fence, because I have little 21 confidence in this owner's ability to properly

maintain a stockade fence. So that's the first

of operation. I think that the community

The second item has to do with hours

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1 2 community. Thank you. 3 MR. NEMECEK: Thank you. 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 5 6 is Pat Rosamonda, and I live at 215 Hillcrest 7 Road. My home is the first house on the Mount 8 Vernon side. Your geography is very good. 9 As mentioned by many of your 10 questions, and thank you for having the 11 questions regarding the traffic flow and the 12 revision of having all of the exiting traffic 13 coming out onto Hillcrest Road, currently 14 getting out of my street is a nightmare. As 15 many of you have mentioned, there is no traffic 16 light so you either have to wait a significant 17 amount of time to make a left-hand turn or you 18 also have to be aware of the current traffic 19 coming out of the gas station site, which is 20 minimal at this point. If this proposed plan 21 goes through with all the traffic exiting onto 22 Hillcrest, it will be almost impossible for us 23 to get out of our street and to make a left out 24 onto New Rochelle Road or the right onto New

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2 The hours of operation in conjunction 3 with what Mr. Urbina said, CVS only operates

until 10:00 p.m., we ask the same of this 4

- 5 convenience store. Also, CVS has the same
- functionality. You will be able to go in and
- buy some sort of air fresheners or a bottle of 7
- soda, whatever, there's a duplication of 8
- function there, therefore, why do we need a 9
- convenience store that's open until 12:00 at 10

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Now, with that said, you're also 13 opening up the fact of our neighborhood, which

has remained consistently a quaint little 14

15 residential area for many, many years, you're

16 opening up the concern of a large increase in

17 crime. You're going to have many cars,

18 additional traffic coming up Hillcrest Road

19 that could potentially cause some crime issues.

So with that being said, with regard 21 to the fuel deliveries, there have been many

22 occasions where we have experienced being woken

23 up in the middle of the night from the

trailer's backup indicator that a fuel delivery

is taking place. So sometimes it is in the 25

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- middle of the night, the fuel deliveries. I've
- lived there a very long time. The gas 3
- station -- the owner that recently purchased 4
- the gas station kind of knew what he was 5
- getting when he purchased it. So, therefore, 6
- 7 to come and try to increase it and say that
- it's a hardship that he is losing financial
- revenue because he can't use the bays, he knew 9
- 10 what he was getting when he purchased it. The
- same way we knew when we purchased our home 11
- 12 that we were living within 400 feet of a
- 13 commercial piece of property.

With that being said, and I'm sure

Margaret will concur with me, there was 15

supposed to be a representative here this 16

17 evening from the Planning and Development

18 Department City of Mount Vernon to address all

19 of these concerns with you. I --

MR. NEMECEK: By the way, we received

a letter, which we will read into the record 21

22 later on, from the Department of Planning and

23 Community Development of the City of Mount

24 Vernon.

> MS. ROSAMONDA: Okay. Great. I thank DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER

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- 2 you all for listening to our concerns. Please,
- 3 really take them into consideration because
- this is a wonderful neighborhood. We're 4
- 5 surrounded by very long-standing seniors and
- property owners, many of which who oppose this 6
- 7 project. There was a large petition that was
- circulated and submitted to the town of 8
- 9 Eastchester opposing this project. They will
- not come out and speak, they don't like to 10
- upset the apple cart, but they do not wish for 11
- 12 this project to go through. Thank you very 13

much for your time.

MR. NEMECEK: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

MR. MARZZIOTTI: Hi. My name is Bob

17 Marzziotti, and I lead the Civic Affairs

18 Committee for the Chester Heights Civic

Association. There are just a few areas I 19

20 wanted to cover with some specifics --

MR. NEMECEK: Are you a resident of

22 the town of Eastchester?

23 MR. MARZZIOTTI: Yes, I am. I'm on

24 Parkview Drive in Eastchester. So there were

three areas and then just pull back and make 25

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2 some generic points, I guess.

3 The first is obviously hours of

4 operation, and in our view that really has a

material impact on the quality of life locally. 5

We undertook a bit of a survey to find out what 6

7 the Civic Association members, the folks that

live in the area feel about that, and when we 9 put that out there, there were 65 respondents,

and a full 95 -- 99 percent of them responded 10

11 that they would like to see the hours of

12 operation terminate no later than 10 p.m., some

13 were at 8 p.m., and for full disclosure one

14 vote for 24 hours. Having said that, with that

kind of a sense from the community and from 15

what you've heard tonight, we really want to 16

17 urge nothing later than a 10 p.m. shut down for

the operation. That's what the other 18

19 businesses in the community are held to, you

20 know, and the community feels that's an

important element. 21

22 The second is lighting. Obviously light pollution is a big deal here. There's 23

24 plenty of it and we don't need more of it. In

looking at the plans, it appears that at the 25

1 **EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16** 2 corner of New Rochelle Road and Hillcrest there are what appears to be two very large flood 3 lights. Whether or not those are excessive, 4 I'm not an engineer to make that determination,

but certainly given what appears to be the need

7 for lighting in that location and the amount of

it, I would urge some of you to at least 8

9 reconsider the volume of lighting that's going to sit on that corner. 10

The third concept is obviously 12 congestion. Having listened this evening to 13 the work that was done, it sounds considerable 14 and a lot of effort went in and thought went in 15 to putting together a suitable arrangement, but 16 everything that has been done here only serves 17 to make a bad situation a little less bad, and 18 I don't know that that's something to get all 19 that excited about. We know we have a severe congestion problem and we know we have issues with traffic and the flows that have been

22 proposed are less bad than the ones that were proposed earlier. That's better but it's 23

24 certainly not good.

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2 across the street that basically offers the

3 same essential items for sale or many of the

similar items, I mean, arguably there could be 4

a better brand of paper towel at the 5

convenience store, I would suggest that what 6

7 have we really accomplished? In other words,

how have we made the community better? Is

9 there any way that the site could have been

10 somehow designated in a way that actually

11 improves things and gives folks something that

12 they don't already have. We may be past that

point but, unfortunately, it's still something

14 worth mentioning and we appreciate your

15 consideration.

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MR. NEMECEK: Thank you,

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

18 MR. PARISI: Mike Parisi, 16 Lockwood

19 Avenue. Has a traffic study been done about

20 the engine company, Engine 30, that's in

21 Chester Heights, how it's going to affect that

22 engine company? And I didn't hear anything

23 about how the buses are going to be affected.

24 Is the bus stop going to be moved? There's one

in front of the gas station and there's one on

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2 the plaza. We didn't talk about the engine

3 company. That's the first engine company for

the Chester Heights area and also for the

school system, and that engine company responds

second due and third due in the town, but we

haven't addressed that. So that's another 7

8 question.

9 I could attest to what this lady was 10 saying about the trucks pulling into the gas station in the middle of the night. It wakes 11 12 up the community. They do have gasoline

13 tankers come in and unload in the middle of the

14 night. I work around the clock sometimes, and

15 I do hear that and see that when I'm coming 16 home in the middle of the night. Also, in the

early morning hours, there's an 18 wheeler that 17

18 pulls up at 5:30 in the morning and unloads

into the gas station their products, their 19

20 supplies. I also heard about the bathrooms and

the building. Do we have handicapped access in 21

22 the bathrooms? Are the bathrooms handicapped

accessible? Do we have exit doors into inside 23

of the facility in the event of an emergency to 24

get out of the facility? We didn't hear about

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that. There's a lot of open questions here

that I think could be addressed. The reason

why I'm saying it, I live there. I raised my 4

5 children there. I'm the one that picks up the

garbage on the street. I'm the one that has to

7 face the traffic. I'm the one that has to face

the problems that happen in our community. I'm

9 talking for me, not for anyone else. Thank

10 you. 11

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MR. NEMECEK: Thank you.

MR. CAVALIERE: Good evening. My name 12 is Mike Cavaliere. I am a resident of 23 Alta 13

14 Drive in Bronxville. I would like to just

15 punctuate the concern that I have as well as my

16 neighbors as it relates to the hours of

operation. You know, it's important to strike 17

the right balance with the merchants as well as 18

with the residents because it is a residential 19

20 community, Chester Heights, and I ask and urge

21 that you consider that. And, obviously, as the

22 hours of operation increases, we all know there

23 could be potentially unintended consequences

with the type of demographics that are buying 24

25 coffee at all hours of the night. So if you

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Lastly, the noise pollution as it 3 relates to the generators as well as light, 4 because I do live behind there with some of my 5 other neighbors, whatever you could do to restrict that would be greatly appreciated. 7 Thank you.

8 MR. ITRI: Good evening. My name is 9 10 Bill Itri. I live at 22 Alta Drive in 11 Bronxville. The concern I have is on your 12 drawing the entrance coming in off of New 13 Rochelle Road, you want everybody to make that 14 left turn, but what's going to prevent

everybody that's coming in off of Hillcrest

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16 exiting out of there? What's to stop them? If

17 I was somebody that came in on Hillcrest, got

18 my gas facing out, why am I going to make a

19 U-turn to go back out to sit in traffic? I'm

20 going to go back out the same way I came in off

21 of that entrance. Now, the reason I bring that

22 up is that I come down off of Alta, I walk my

23 dog, I go around CVS, when I walk past the J &

G parking lot, there's cars parked on the 24

sidewalk. Nobody gets a ticket. What's going 25 **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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to prevent a car from parking on the sidewalk in front of the gas station now when they can't 3

get into those designated spots because there's 4

not enough? Now when you got somebody at the

pumps at the parking also, where are they going

to park? On the sidewalk. We called the 7

police. You go down there any given night, there's cars parked on the sidewalk. So I 9

10 don't know if your one way in off of New

11 Rochelle is going to be good without another

12 way coming out on New Rochelle. But I do agree

13 with you, I'm sorry, that Hillcrest when you

come out busy time, any time, I've sat there

15 5 minutes, 10 minutes. Unless there is some

16 kind soul that will let you get in to make the

17 left onto New Rochelle, you're not doing it.

18 So to increase it and make it only one way out,

I don't think that's such a great idea. Please

20 consider it. Go down and sit there and see

what the traffic is like. 21

MR. TUDISCO: I just have a question.

MR. ITRI: Sure.

24 MR. TUDISCO: Again, I'm not part of

the board. As the Deputy Town Attorney, I deal

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mostly with enforcement. My question is just

3 to clarify what your question is or your

concern is. Is it that it is unenforceable or 4

you think it's a bad idea? 5

6 MR. ITRI: I think it's both. One, you can't have police down there 24/7. I walk 7 down there with my dog, there are policemen 8

sitting alongside on the side street by the 9

10 liquor store or the wine bar, those cars are

parked there on the sidewalk, they don't get 11

12 out and ticket them. So why would they get out

13 and ticket the ones that are blocking maybe on

New Rochelle Road because there are no parking 14 spaces? Either way, it's a no win situation. 15

Be realistic. If you want to run in there to 16

get something and there's no place to park, 17

you're going to do the obvious, you're going to 18

park on the sidewalk. Everybody does. If you 19

20 can't get out -- if you want to come out onto

Hillcrest as your only way out and you know 21

that you got to make that left onto Hillcrest, 22

make a left onto New Rochelle Road, and you see 23

what that traffic is like in the morning and 24

25 then from 2:30 in the afternoon until 6:30 at

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to start cutting through. The traffic light,

the pedestrian walk, people are going to get 4

5 run over. Go down there now, the walk sign does not work all the time. 6

MR. TUDISCO: The reason I bring that up, just to bring up another example, in town the hardware store on Highland and 22, okay, that has a one way flow for safety purposes with a one way sign. Unfortunately, there are people who cut through the other way, but I think to set it up the safest way it has to be

14 one way traffic, at least designated. I mean, there always are going to people that --

15 16 MR. ITRI: Right now again -- I'm

sorry for interrupting -- Mr. Vincent's parking 17 18 lot is set up one way in and out onto Alta

Drive. Because of the deviation that they put 19 20 with those cones, we can't make a right into

21 Alta. Tonight we have a little fair going on

by the Mount Vernon High School, I can't tell 22

you the number of cars that have cut through 23

24 Mr. Vincent's parking lot, came out on the 25

other side to make the right onto Alta. Again, **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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question? Do you think that the -- putting

store increasing the number of trips, in your

view does the traffic flow that exists now with

the exits and entrances as they exist now, does

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aside what we heard about opening a convenience

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MR. DECHANCE: Good evening. My name

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is Mike Dechance, and I live at 17 Alta Drive.

I would like some clarification on

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to have that continuing on until midnight.

it needs a little bit more than tidying up.

Also, second concern that I had is the

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rear area that has been -- borders my property,

The reason why nothing could grow back there is

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reward them by doing what they're doing now,

which is expanding their business and putting

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in a convenience store, which basically is

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2 So in terms of being a good neighbor, 2 Chestrut has not been a good neighbor, and

3 Chestnut has not been a good neighbor, and

4 therefore, that's why I think their hours of

5 operation should be limited until 10 p.m. at

6 night. There is no business in our

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7 neighborhood that's open past 10:00. There is

8 a gas station up the street, Hanna Sunoco, who

9 closes at 10:00 at night. So I don't see

10 why -- what incremental revenue they will gain

11 by being open past 10:00 at night. The only

12 effect will be additional crime and additional

13 traffic maybe into the neighborhood, and this

14 is not that type of neighborhood.

They're asking the community to put up with a lot in terms of -- the traffic engineer

17 said the number of trips is going to increase

18 not 20 trips but 50 percent. Let's use the

19 percentage. It's 50 percent. New Rochelle

20 Road is a nightmare almost any hour of the day,

21 okay. Now, he mentioned 8 to 9:00 in the

22 morning, I would like to know what those rates

23 are from 7 to 8 because that's when people go

24 to work. You know, 8 to 9 basically you're

25 already at work. To me, that's a specious

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2 number, 8 to 9:00, but that's been said. Quite

3 frankly, their website right now for the gas

4 station has them closing at 11 and on Sunday

5 nights closing at 10. So I don't understand

6 what that extra hour of incremental revenue is

7 going to get them other than asking the

8 neighborhood to put up more of an uproar, quite

9 frankly.

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I know the plan says there's plenty

11 of, you know, turning radius and all that

12 stuff, but if you just look at it sensibly,

13 there is no way with two sets of pumps on that

14 site that you're going to have traffic flow

15 smoothly through that site. So, I mean, you

16 know, it's kind of hard to say, no, let's shut

17 this down, it's not going to happen, I know

18 that's not going to happen, but I think as Bob

19 Marzziotti said, we're making a very bad

20 situation a little less bad.

I think part of -- in terms of being a

22 good neighbor, Chestnut should probably be a

23 little bit more flexible -- not flexible but

24 should adhere to the request of a 10:00 curfew

25 for their business. So thank you.

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2 MR. NEMECEK: If I could correct

3 something that you said. I think you said that

4 none of the businesses in the area are open

5 past 10:00. I just did a quick search of Elia

6 Taverna, which is wonderful restaurant right

7 next door, and it does have -- it lists hours

8 until 11:00 on Fridays.

MR. MOSCHETTA: And most nights it's

10 closed at 10, even on weekends.

11 MR. NEMECEK: Friday and Saturday.

12 I've been there. There are lines at 6, 7:00.

MR. MOSCHETTA: For practical

14 purposes, it closes at 10, and it's a

15 restaurant. It's not a convenience store.

MR. NEMECEK: I'm just staying.

17 Gordy's is down the street, I don't know what

18 the hours of that are. I was just checking

19 that. Just to be clear, there are

20 businesses --

MR. MOSCHETTA: Quite frankly, we

22 negotiated with CVS to close at 10:00 as well.

23 They came in, they want to run, I believe,

24 until midnight, if not longer. So, you know,

25 precedence is there.

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MR. NEMECEK: I get your point. Okay,

3 thanks.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any more comments from

5 the public? Good. Oh, you do. Sure. Come on

6 up.

7 MR. BAMFORD: Kirk Bamford, I live at

8 10 Charles Place in Chester Heights. I agree

9 with what all the residents have said so far

10 about if there is a need to expand the

11 business, which is duplicating a business

12 already in place. Obviously, I understand

13 small business as well and that it is important

14 for communities as well. I don't believe,

15 again, as they said, about the hours of

16 operation, that they should be extended to

17 beyond 10 p.m. We talked about the impact on

18 traffic. It would be interesting to know

19 exactly the impact on traffic later in the

20 evening and from a factual standpoint. Even

21 still, I don't believe it's in the best

22 interest in the community to have the operation

23 open later than 10:00.

24 The other thing you got to think about

25 as the summer comes in and time grows longer

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2 and daylight stays later, it does become an

- 3 opportunity for youths and younger people to be
- 4 looking for somewhere to go to get, you know,
- 5 convenience products, candy and drinks and
- 6 things like that, and there's a park and a
- 7 softball area just to the other side of the
- 8 road, which is potentially giving them an
- 9 excuse to be somewhere where they don't need to
- be at that time of the evening and potentially 10
- 11 give them the opportunity to extend that stay
- 12 in that community when, obviously, the parks
- 13 close down at dusk and things of that nature.
- 14 So that is a potential risk of having a
- 15 business that is convenient for that age group
- 16 to be able to take advantage of, and therefore,
- 17 stay out longer in the community, and
- 18 therefore, potentially lead to other nuisance
- 19 factors that none of the community or residents
- 20 need. That was my point. I don't think it's
- 21 been addressed, but I thought I would bring it
- 22 up.

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- 23 MR. NEMECEK: Thank you.
- 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 25 MR. NEMECEK: We also have the letter

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from Mount Vernon.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't you read that

4 into the road.

5 MR. NEMECEK: I'll read that. It's a

letter from -- is it --6

MS. UHLE: It's Shawyn.

MR. NEMECEK: Shawyn, S-H-A-W-Y-N,

- 9 Patterson-Howard, and she's the Commissioner of
- the Department of Planning and Community 10
- 11 Development Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency.
- 12 and it's addressed to Linda Laird, Town Clerk
- 13 Town of Eastchester:

Dear Ms. Laird, since our first

15 written communication to you by letter, we

16 understand that an application and an amendment

17 concerning 504 New Rochelle Road was approved

- 18 by the Eastchester Zoning Board of Appeals and
- 19 the Eastchester Architectural Review Board. We
- 20 are also aware that this application is before
- 21 the Eastchester Planning Board for
- 22 consideration. Our position remains that the
- 23 city of Mount Vernon has never been made aware
- of this application, and therefore, has not had
- an opportunity to opine on the application as

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- 2 required by law. As you may know, Article
- 3 12-B, Section 239-L, M and N of New York
- 4 State's General Municipal Law pertinent
- 5 intercommunity and countywide planning, zoning,
- site plan and subdivision considerations shall
- 7 be sent to the attention of neighboring
- 8 municipalities and agencies having jurisdiction
- 9 within 500 feet of the subject
- 10 property/application. Also, as this is an
- 11 "unlisted" action in accordance with SEQRA law,
- 12 the city of Mount Vernon is an interested
- 13 party. Accordingly, the city of Mount Vernon
- 14 may have concerns regarding this application
- and/or the amendment such as but not limited to 15
- environmental, traffic, and aesthetic impacts. 16
- 17 In order to determine if we have any concerns,
- we would need further information to fully 18
- 19 assess the potential impacts of the proposal on
- 20 the city of Mount Vernon and it's residents.
- 21 As a neighbor of the city of Mount Vernon, it
- 22 is imperative that we comprehensively plan our
- 23 communities through our land use decision
- 24 making to ensure not only our future growth but
- 25 also to preserve the existing quality of life

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- for all of our residents. The city of Mount
- 3 Vernon would greatly appreciate the opportunity
- to provide comments regarding the 4
- 5 aforementioned application and to learn more
- 6 about the specifics of the application and it's
- 7 amendment -- amendments. Please be advised
- 8 that the city of Mount Vernon expressly
- 9 reserves all of its rights and interests and
- 10 may challenge any determinations it feels may
- 11 direct or indirect -- and I believe that's
- 12 supposed to be indirectly -- impact upon the
- 13 city of Mount Vernon. If you have any
- 14 questions, please contact me at 914-840-4029.
- 15 Thank you for assistance in this matter.
- 16 Respectfully, Shawyn Patterson-Howard
- 17 Commissioner.

18 I know this is -- I'm just reading

verbatim from this. I think Margaret has 19

informed me that the town doesn't necessarily

21 agree with the factual representations made

22 herein, but we've read it into the record.

MS. UHLE: We've read it and it's

24 actually -- we first had noticed the City Clerk

in Mount Vernon on October 6th of 2015 and I've

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legal obligations with regard to certain 4 requirements. I think there are also some 5

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All that being said, I have always indicated that we are happy to have Mount Vernon comment on the application and they're certainly welcome to.

I will point out that their letter 12 dated June 23rd references the letter dated to me or to Ms. Laird on March 30th also basically 13 14 saying we still are claiming that we are unaware of this application, but they were unaware of it in the letter on March 30th as well.

18 In response to this letter that they sent on March 30th, they requested that I 19 20 contact the law department or that Linda Laird did, but I did. I contacted them, spoke to an 21 individual, discussed the letter, and was told 22 23 someone would get back to me and nobody did.

24 So again, we're happy for Mount Vernon to comment on the application. So far the only 25

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MR. NEMECEK: I think you told me that based on a phone discussion you had with Ms. Patterson-Howard today, that she's only been --

MS. UHLE: She's fairly new. I think 9 10 she's been there about three months, so she's still coming up speed. I had reached out to 11

12 the former Commissioner of Planning, his name

13 is Jaime Martinez. Actually, on February 1st,

2016, I left a phone message for him indicating

15 I would be happy to send him any information or

16 discuss the application with him, and he never

returned my call as well. So I think we really 17

18 have a lot of documentation that we have

19 reached out to Mount Vernon --

MR. NEMECEK: As I would expect, 20 21 Margaret, given your thoroughness.

22 MS. UHLE: I will say once again, they 23 are welcome to comment on the application. I did send them the complete application that was 24 submitted to all of you in a PDF format so they 25

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have that. So they certainly have all the 2

3 information now if they would like to comment on it. 4

THE CHAIRMAN: Delivered at the same time as ours last week, Margaret?

6 7 MS. UHLE: No. Again, because there is no legal obligation to do that, we notified 8

the city clerk, but when I received a phone 9 call, I just -- it was just today that I 10

11 received the phone call from the current Commissioner of Planning. So as soon as I 12

received that phone call, I offered to send her 13 the application and I did. 14

THE CHAIRMAN: Emailed PDF? 15

MS. UHLE: E-mailed, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Good. So this is a **17** 18 public hearing. We've heard all the comments.

Thank you, everyone, for the comments. I have 19 a long list here. I think we all have a long 20

21 list of everyone's concerns, all of which we

22 were not aware of unless you brought them

23 forth, and we do appreciate your participation 24 in this.

> That being said, this application has **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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2 sort of taken on a different light from our point of view, and I think it needs some more 3

4 review from all of us on the board. So I do

5 not believe that anyone here is in any position

to decide on this application tonight. 6

MS. UHLE: I was just going to say, because I think most of the residents that are

here are probably so much more familiar with 9

the application than you are, and even I had to 10

remind myself and I had to remind the applicant 11

12 that -- and I stand corrected -- it first

appeared before you in June of 2014, which was 13

14 two years ago. So I think even though, you

know, some of the issues have been discussed 15

exhaustively, it still is sort of new 16

information for you guys to sort of digest and 17

absorb and visit the site. I also think, based 18

on, again, comments that I've heard previously 19 20 but now we're getting to the point where if you

were to consider -- first of all, you have to 21

consider your vote, but if you were to consider 22

23 approving it, formulating conditions of approval that will make people feel more 24

comfortable with the application. 25

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2 MR. NEMECEK: There may be some 3 suggestions that were made by the members of

the public that the applicant may want to 4

consider. An easy one, Mr. Tudisco just 5

6 pointed out maybe the vinyl fence is something

7 that -- I don't know if it's better than the

stockade fence or --

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MS. UHLE: I actually missed the last Architectural Review Board meeting -- which I 11 honestly never do but I did -- I know that I 12 had also mentioned to the applicant that I preferred vinyl. I mean, you sort of have an 14 intuitive --

15 MR. NEMECEK: Vinyl is canceled, the 16 HBO show.

MS. UHLE: I heard that. I think the 18 problem with the wood stockade fence is they just look terrible very quickly. The 20 individual slats break off. We get complaints 21 about them all the time. So that's a concern 22 of mine as well. I was going to ask that we 23 have a larger scale landscape plan so it's a 24 little bit easier to evaluate the plants list,

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on there that talks very clearly about the 2

3 maintenance of existing trees and that could

25 and I think I would like to get some comments

4 become a condition of approval as well.

MR. NEMECEK: This is a tricky

6 application because there's an existing gas

7 station there and it has a convenience store

and the owner wants to make enhancements. From

the sounds of it, really nothing is going to 9

10 happen at the gas station, it's going to remain

11 in its present configuration, but they do want

12 to expand the convenience store, and as a

13 result of that, we've brought in the expertise

14 of our parking consultant, we've solicited and

15 received, I'd rather suspect that the members

16 of the public have addressed certain of the

17 concerns they raised today before both the

18 Zoning Board and the Architectural Review

19 Board, but this is the first time that we're

20 hearing them. I do remember two years ago this

21 application briefly coming before us, and I

22 think it was the very start of the process and

23 I think we just pushed it on to the Zoning

Board recognizing that there would be a number

25 of different variances that would be required

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2 before it could even come back to us.

3 There are a number of different issues

here that do require us, I think, to consider

5 this a little more carefully. When I looked at

6 the site recently, I wasn't even focusing on

7 the buffer of trees in the back and what

8 condition that was in and, quite frankly, it

9 was only in looking at this map here and

10 looking at the relation of this particular

11 property to the southbound entrance on the

12 Hutchison River Parkway that it struck me that

there were different traffic flow issues then I 13

14 certainly was considering when I first looked

15 at this property. I think, you know,

recognizing that this is our last meeting until 16

September and that it does present something of 17

18 a temporal hardship, I think I, for one, would

19 appreciate a little more time to digest what

20 we've heard today and see if there's an

21 opportunity to address certain of the issues

22 that were raised by the public from the

23 applicant. Maybe there are some compromises in

24 there that could be reached. Otherwise, table 25

this until September when we all should be

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2 in -- I know I, for one, will be in a better

3 position to deliberate on this.

MR. TUDISCO: Mr. Chairman, there is

something else I wanted to address, and I was trying to get at it earlier with some of the 6

7 question that came up to kind of separate

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issues involving the plan, which is certainly

your purview, versus issues involving 9

10 enforcement. There have been a number of

11 concerns that have been addressed by the public

12 tonight and at all meetings about the

13 maintenance of the property itself and

14 potential violations. I could honestly say I

15 prosecute the Building Department violations in

16 town, that the Building Department is very

17 responsive to complaints from the community in

terms of coming out, enforcing. We have a code 18 19

enforcement officer.

Additionally, a large percentage of the traffic violations that I prosecute in town

22 involve things that occur in that corridor, and

23 so, to the extent that there are parking

issues, someone had mentioned that there are 24

25 cars that are improperly parked and they're not

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ticketed cars or that issue is not being 2

- 3 addressed, I would encourage you to contact me
- in the Law Department, and I will certainly, if 4
- it comes down to it, arrange a meeting with the 5
- police department about enforcement issues 6
- 7 because I think regardless of what the board
- does, the enforcement issues is something we
- could address if people are not following what 9
- 10 they're supposed to be following. I certainly
- take that stuff seriously. So I just wanted to 11
- 12 put that out there as well.

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THE CHAIRMAN: So, Mr. Tudisco, just

14 so I understand, is going out an in entrance an

enforceable -- is that something the Police 15

Department enforces? 16

MR. TUDISCO: Yes, it can be. For

18 instance, the example that I brought up, there

is a one way designation going into the 19

20 hardware store on Highland and 22, there's a

one way sign at the mouth of that and a do not 21

22 enter, there are cars from time to time that

23 will violate that, and if the police are there,

24 I've certainly prosecuted cases. But I believe

that the plan to route the traffic one way

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- going through there makes it a much safer 2
- intersection and a much safer driveway. So I 3
- think there has to be a difference between 4
- whether or not the plan makes it safer versus
- are people actually going to do what they're 6
- supposed to do on the site. I just wanted to 7
- make that distinction, that's all. 8

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I 9

10 appreciate that.

MR. TUDISCO: That's why I addressed

12 that question earlier.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments up

here from us that we would like to ask of the

applicant, who has left? 15

MS. MARTIN: I'm here.

THE CHAIRMAN: There you are.

18 MS. UHLE: One thing with regard to

19 Mount Vernon. If you keep the public hearing

open -- and this is just kind of in a side -- I 20

think I am going to request that -- I do feel 21

22 like I've reached out to them, and I am going

to request that if they have comments they

could certainly come to the public hearing in 24

September, but ideally I think we would like to 25

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- 2 receive their comments sooner rather than
- 3 later, especially since we have two months.
- There are circumstances when planning boards --4
- we've never done this before and I'm not 5
- recommending that you do this, but there are 6
- 7 times when planning boards say, we're going to
- 8 keep the public hearing open for additional
- written comments say until August 15th or 9
- something. You don't actually have to have the 10
- 11 public hearing occur for oral comments at the
- next meeting and sometimes boards do that so it 12
- allows people to get additional written 13
- correspondence in but then at the following 14
- meeting you're not hearing all sorts of new 15
- information or the same information. 16

MR. NEMECEK: There is a particular danger that if a municipality like Mount Vernon

- can't get it back together and submits 19
- something last minute which is impactful, it 20
- 21 could further delay this, and that's not our
- objective particularly given the timing. So 22
- 23 I'm in favor of that.

MS. UHLE: You could do two things:

You could continue the public hearing in 25

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- 2 September and then that way residents may have
- an opportunity to respond to some of the 3
- 4 compromises and that kind of thing, which I
- 5 think is fine, but I also think in addition I'm going to put something in writing to Mount 6
- 7 Vernon requesting that if they do have actual
- comments on the plans, not on the notice 8
- process but on the plans, that they try to get 9
- 10 those to me within a month because we were
- fortunate, or unfortunate, depending on how you 11
- 12 look at it, we have two months. So I think I'm
- going to request that specifically. I just 13
- 14 wanted to let you know that. That way if they
- do have comments, I could circulate that to 15 people and you could respond to those. 16

THE CHAIRMAN: So, Margaret, I'm

seeing all the comments we have today and I'm

thinking the next two months is a good work 19

20 period to work through all of this with our

consultants and come up with an application 21

- that might incorporate some of this or, as you 22
- 23 said, conditions of approval based on what
- we've heard today. 24

We are going to leave this public

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2	hearing open and we'll pick it up in September.	2	THE CHAIRMAN: Next application is
3	MR. NEMECEK: Do we want to put a	3	Application 16-32, 6 York Place.
4	requirement that any written comments	4	MR. FINELLI: Good evening, Mr.
5	THE CHAIRMAN: I think she did	5	Chairman, members of the board. Mike Finelli,
6	already.	6	I'm the architect for the project, 6 York
7	MS. UHLE: I think typically if you're	7	Place. I have with me this evening Michael
8	going to leave the public hearing open until	8	Mastrogiacomo, who is the engineer for the
9	September, they could respond until September,	9	project. So if there are any questions as far
10	but I'm going to just request if they can, that	10	as storm water goes, drainage, anything of that
11	they get us the comments earlier.	11	nature, he would be happy to address those and
12	The other option would just be to say	12	answer any questions for you.
13	the public hearing is only open until say	13	We were before the Architectural
14	August 15th and only for written comment, but I	14	
15		15	Review Board on June 2nd. We were approved and
1	think you want to take public comment in	"	passed along to this board. The only
16	September any way.	16	recommendation or, I guess, request that they
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Great. So see you in	17	made, they wanted to see a cut a light
18	September.	18	fixture cut for the flood light over the garage
19	MS. MARTIN: Okay then.	19	door, which we brought with us. It's your
20	THE CHAIRMAN: Very good job with the	20	typical simple just white flood light. I can
21	presentation, by the way.	21	pass it forward if you would like. That was
22	MS. MARTIN: Thank you.	22	the only request, but I figured I'd get that
23	MR. NEMECEK: Do you have any	23	out of the way, and then I could go through the
24	comments?	24	project.
25	MR. TUDISCO: The public hearing is	25	Basically what we have is an existing
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2 3 I'll flip this over and show you a 4 rendering I did. Sorry. So we tried to give it a face lift. Again, it's a center hall colonial as it stands today. The main roof 7 line stays exactly the same. It actually looks 8 a little squatter. The second floor is only framed at a 7 foot tall plate instead of 8 foot 10 even though they are 8 foot ceilings. So it

11 does drop down a little bit further in front.

12 So to break that up a little bit, we added

13 these little dormers, which as you drive around

14 Eastchester they're everywhere. This is kind

15 of like, I guess, the basically facade of

16 Eastchester with the little dormers on top. We

17 added a nice porch across the front. We

18 rebuilt the entire home office to the left. We put a bay on there. Again, we added a lot of

character, a lot of scaling elements to the 20

21 project. 22

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The entire right-hand side was also 23 reconstructed. So the addition at the second story, which continues to house a master closet, the master closet got slightly bigger,

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Again, follow with the same thing with 8 the little gable across the top. We kept the brick veneer, which is at the first story which 10

11 sits behind this porch. We basically took off 12 a little glass vestibule that was added on at

13 some point right at the front door and behind 14 that there is some beautiful trim work that the

15 homeowner wanted to expose. So we're leaving

16 the porch sloped so that way when you access

17 that porch, you're looking up and you're seeing

all the trim work. Here it's kind of hidden

19 behind the roof line, but if you walk up to the

house, you'll actually look up and under and at 20

it. We don't have a picture of it because it's 21

still buried behind the little --22

23 MR. NEMECEK: It's the semicircle I see in the back? 24

> MR. FINELLI: Yes, that's it. So we **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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2 were hoping to just kind of expose that and

bring that back out. The home itself is going

to be clad in HardiePlank. It's a blue, I

5 believe slate blue is the name of the product.

Yes, slate blue. Sorry about that. The

windows are going to be Pella windows. They're 7

white vinyl. It's going to be clad with AZEK 8

trim. So all the trim is going to be white. 9

The roof is a dark charcoal roof. I have 10

samples of everything. If you would like to

see them, I would be more than happy to show 12

them to you. The garage is going to be a white 13

steel door, Clopay, typical finish. The front 14

door is going to be re-stained black. At one 15

point, I guess it was black, it was painted 16

red. So they're going to re-paint it black. 17

18 More of a traditional look. Again, it ties in real nice with the roof and the rest of the 19

house. 20

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From a zoning perspective, we meet and comply with zoning in all ways.

Beyond that, I'm happy to answer any 23 questions that you have, show you samples, 24 whatever you might want. 25

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MR. FINELLI: We are, right across the 3

4 front.

MR. NEMECEK: How far is that porch 5 6 coming out from where the current entranceway 7

MR. FINELLI: If you bear with me one second, I will tell you. Sorry about that, it's a little tight up here. It's about 8 feet off the front of the house. It's going to be a true rocking chair porch. You could put some furniture out there and actually sit out on the front porch.

MR. CUNNINGHAM: 8 feet? MR. FINELLI: I'm sorry. MR. CUNNINGHAM: 8 feet?

MR. FINELLI: 8 feet, yes.

MR. NEMECEK: Is the footprint of the house being changed at all.

MR. FINELLI: It is. Both appendages are going out a little bit further. We're going out about 3 feet on the left, if I

remember correctly, and about 2 feet on the 24 25

right. We still are --

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2	MR. NEMECEK: And the porch is as	2	you.
3	well?	3	THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you. The
4	MR. FINELLI: And the footprint of the	4	dry wells, the CULTECs, where are they going to
5	porch, correct. We are doing some site work in	5	be going?
6	the back as far as a patio. There's a large	6	MR. NEMECEK: Introduce yourself
7	on-ground porch deck, we're removing that.	7	formally.
8	We're going to be doing a patio on grade.	8	MR. MASTROGIACOMO: Sure. Michael
9	We're adding a little porch on the rear of the	9	Mastrogiacomo, I'm the engineer for the
10	house as well. As a matter of fact, if you	10	project. The way we've designed it is a net
11	look at the drawing right below there, you can	11	zero increase. So any new impervious areas
12	see the porch. It will be coming off the rear	12	we're collecting all the rain off and we've
13	of the house. That porch actually steps out of	13	come up with two CULTECs required to handle the
14	the back yard onto the new on-grade patio. For	14	additional flow.
15	the most part, other than the additions getting	15	MR. NEMECEK: What's the overall
16	wider, that area, even though it's all new	16	increase in impervious surface?
17	work, it will be smaller than what was there.	17	MR. MASTROGIACOMO: Approximately 400
18	We took the theme of the bays and all	18	square feet.
19	the appendages and the box bays that we added	19	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. That's the
20	on the house, we kind of wrapped that all the	20	only question we had. So everything is going
21	way around. So even from the rear of the	21	to that, right, the driveway drain, the trench
22	house we added a bay window off the	22	drain plus everything else?
23	breakfast room. We kind of played with it.	23	MR. MASTROGIACOMO: Yes. We've also
24	It's not just a flat box all the way around.	24	designed the overflow in case we get more than
25	There's a little something going on all the way	25	the hundred year storm it's got some sort of
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2	around. It just kept it playful and a little	2	relief, and it's set 10 foot back from all
3	bit more interesting.	3	property lines as per the state code and also
4	MR. NEMECEK: You had bay windows in	4	DEP regulations, Westchester County
5	the front on the existing	5	regulations.
6	MR. FINELLI: Yes. They're still	6	THE CHAIRMAN: That's the overflow to
7	there.	7	the left there. I see it.
8	MR. NEMECEK: They're still there?	8	MR. MASTROGIACOMO: Correct.
9	MR. FINELLI: They are still there.	9	MR. NEMECEK: Currently there's no
10	We thought about removing them but	10	system for accumulating the water?
11	MR. NEMECEK: Bay windows under a	11	MR. MASTROGIACOMO: Not that we know
12	porch?	12	of.
13	MR. FINELLI: Well, they're existing	13	THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
14	bay windows that sit inside of the brick. We	14	Other comments, guys?
15	were going to remove them, but then we found	15	(No comments.)
16	that the cost to do that and remove all the	16	THE CHAIRMAN: I'm going to open the
17	brick it just didn't make sense. We actually	17	public hearing. So let me just go through the
18	like the look better. They only stick out	18	public hearing and then we'll get back to you.
19	about a foot and a half. So with an 8 foot	19	MR. FINELLI: I'm sorry.
20	porch you're still looking at 6 and a half	20	THE CHAIRMAN: I said let met just
21	feet.	21	open the public hearing and then we'll
22	THE CHAIRMAN: Where are the CULTECs	22	continue.
23	going?	23	MR. FINELLI: Sure.
24	MR. FINELLI: I'm sorry? Oh, Mr.	24	THE CHAIRMAN: I make a motion to open
25	Mastrogiacomo will answer those questions for	25	the public hearing on Application 16-32, 6 York
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2	Place.	2	it. I don't see it in your illustration, I
3	MR. NEMECEK: Second.	3	don't see that, and I can't really see the bay
4	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.	4	windows coming out from your illustration
5	(All aye.)	5	there, but it strikes me if you have a porch,
6	THE CHAIRMAN: Comments?	6	particularly one, as you said, where you're
7	MR. NEMECEK: Public, this is your big	7	going to put rocking chairs out there, the
8	opportunity. Huge viewing audience at home.	8	thought of having windows protruding out
9	(No comments.)	9	MR. FINELLI: It's been done in the
10	THE CHAIRMAN: Make a motion to close	10	past. This isn't the first time that we'll see
11	the public hearing on the same application,	11	this. It's been done throughout history. If I
12	16-32, 6 York Place.	12	knew this
13	MR. NEMECEK: Second.	13	MR. NEMECEK: Throughout history, huh?
14	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.	14	MR. FINELLI: Yes, throughout history.
15	(All aye.)	15	If I knew the question would be asked and you
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Can I just see the	16	wanted examples, I would have had them. It's
17	Hardie Board sample, please?	17	actually been done. And again, just to remove
18	MR. FINELLI: Sure.	18	them just to
19	THE CHAIRMAN: It's a very nice job.	19	MR. NEMECEK: I understand. It's a
20	MR. CUNNINGHAM: Yes, well done.	20	very substantial cost and the owner is okay
21	MR. NEMECEK: Going back to the issue	21	with it, I'm more inclined to think, who am I
22	of the bay windows underneath the porch, is	22	to insist on imposing a large additional cost
23	that purely a money issue?	23	when, you know, there are so many more
24	MR. FINELLI: No. I think the cost	24	important renovations being made here. I just
25	versus the benefit just doesn't make sense.	25	wanted to confirm what the impetus for this
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2 as the street swings up and around the grade climbs up and to the right. 3 This home came to me because of a 4 retaining wall that was failing right by the 5 side of the garage and the homeowners hopes of 6 7 actually turning this home into a Mediterranean. We literally had an entire set of drawings prepared, filed, and we had to pull 10 it based on cost issues. The costs, they were 11 literally astronomical. So we came back and we 12 took a lot of the design personality of the 13 house that we were going with and we brought it more into a simpler more of a colonial -- I wouldn't even call it a colonial -- more of 15 a -- I'm not sure -- more of a Tudor, I would 16 say, Tudor-ish colonial style home. So we 17 basically brought a lot of the flavor, that being the stone veneer that we were trying to 19 20 get into the house. We really wanted the home 21 to be stucco. The home, we wanted to have a pitched roof. In this case we ended up going 22

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123 1 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 2 and then we were trying to translate them through and bring them to this design here. We did a wrought iron railing across the second 4 story to mimic balconies, more of Juliet balconies which is more reminiscent of the Mediterranean style, but that detail came 7 through and, funny enough, I said it at the 8 ARB, I'll saying it again, the color scheme and even the actual wrought iron rail, if you see 10 Mickey Spillane's on 22 they've used the same color pallet and the same style of wrought iron railing on their balconies. So it's very 13 similar. I know that's a commercial 14 application, this is more residential. So we were trying to bring all that detailing down and through. 17 18 So in repairing that retaining wall at the front of the house where the garage 19 currently sits, we decided to pull the entire 20 21 house forward 8 feet. When it was initially 22 designed and built, it was set back on the property to give it more of a front yard and, 23 in essence, it kind of shrank the width of the house. So we widened it by pulling it forward DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER 124 1 EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD - 6/23/16 2 8 feet. To give it some character, I stepped 3 and jogged the front elevation. I've created a two story portico, which we clad in stone, and 4 that was again just to add some more relief to the house, a little more character, and really 6 7 bring this idea of the arched segmented vertical shafts of windows all the way through. 8 As far as coloring goes, just very 9 quickly to go through some of that, the stucco 10 11

is going to be beige in color, the railings -all the railings on the home are going to be wrought iron, they'll all be black. The stone is actually a Westchester granite. I have samples of that as well. You go through Eastchester and Tuckahoe, Westchester granite is all over the place. It's the stone you see

on everyone's house. So it's that grayish 18

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20 We're going to do a mahogany stain door, as

well as the garage door will be a stain door to 21

22 match, again, with the lights inside of it.

23 There's actually a little roof overhang with a couple of brackets to accentuate the garage a 24

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with a hip roof all the way around. The arched

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2	little more horizontality (sic) to that	2	little bit of a break and it won't look like
3	vertical element being that there is that step	3	one continuous roof across the whole thing.
4	down right there because of the wall. The door	4	That will actually give it a little bit
5	is a Clopay door. Like I said, it's going to	5	hierarchy as well, and we're doing a little
6	be stained.	6	barrel dormer to the right to kind of soften
7	We got approval at ARB for this one as	7	the roof line as it comes across and through.
8	well on June 2nd, and they also asked for	8	So a lot of nice details, keeping that arched
9	samples for the light fixtures, which I brought	9	theme all the way through.
10	with me as well. We only have two sconces at	10	THE CHAIRMAN: It's very handsome.
11	the front door and there will be a pendant	11	Very nice job.
12	light hanging in the entryway, and I have	12	MR. FINELLI: Thank you.
13	those. If you would like, I could pass them	13	MR. CUNNINGHAM: It's nice the way you
14	forward if you want to see them, or I could	14	carried it around to the rear elevation also
15	just kind of flash them to you like this.	15	with the balcony in back.
16	MR. NEMECEK: The hanging light is in	16	MR. FINELLI: I'm sorry, the air
17	the portico?	17	conditioner is making it a little hard to hear.
18	MR. FINELLI: Yes. It will hang from	18	MR. CUNNINGHAM: I said it's nice the
19	the top, and it will be in between the window	19	way you carry it around to the rear elevation
20	above the door and the door itself. So in	20	with the balconies on the back.
21	between that brown panel it will be hanging	21	MR. FINELLI: Thank you. Thank you.
22	right in there. Beyond that, once again, any	22	I'm not a big fan of the detailing kind of
23	questions I could answer or samples I could	23	ending.
24	show you, I'll be happy to do so. Mr.	24	MR. CUNNINGHAM: Very nice.
25	Mastrogiacomo is here also to answer any	25	MR. FINELLI: Thanks.
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3	you're going to carry around	3	MR. CUNNINGHAM: Nice job. Good luck.
4	MR. FINELLI: All the way around. The	4	THE CHAIRMAN: Have a nice summer.
5	same Westchester stone. Like I said, I have a	5	Last application is 15-84, Barnes & Noble.
6	sample of it if you would like to see it.	6	MR. NEMECEK: Don't forget your
7	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, bring that over.	7	MR. TUDISCO: Your elevations.
8	Is it a big piece of stone? I've never seen	8	THE CHAIRMAN: They're coming back.
9	it. You called it Eastchester stone or	9	MR. WIMMER: Good evening. My name is
10	Westchester stone?	10	David Wimmer. I'm a development manager with
11	MR. FINELLI: That's the actual name.	11	Barnes & Noble. We are here with an
12	I thought someone made that up.	12	application to make a change from a previously
13	THE CHAIRMAN: Where's Westchester	13	approved plan to change our restaurant from a
14	stone from?	14	Type 3 to a Type 1 restaurant.
15	MR. FINELLI: This Westchester stone	15	When we originally brought our plans
16	is actually from Dutchess County.	16	before the board and the ARB, we had noted that
17	MR. NEMECEK: Fraud.	17	we were in the process of developing a new cafe
18	MR. FINELLI: The quarries that used	18	prototype for this store and a couple of other
19	to quarry that from around here are all closed	19	stores that we're doing around the country this
20	down now.	20	year. So in the intervening period of time,
21	THE CHAIRMAN: There were local	21	we've now flushed out a lot of detail about
22	quarries where it came from?	22	that and that has caused us to come before you
23	MR. FINELLI: I'm sorry.	23	with this change in increase cafe capacity, as
24	THE CHAIRMAN: There were local	24	well as occupancy as well.
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spaces. The first one, the top left -- that's 2

great, Greg -- on the bottom left is where you 3

would enter the space coming down the

escalators, and then turning left, and then to 5

your right that circular element that you see

that is your bar and coffee barista station and 7

the grab and go kind of area. So it will be

pastries, pre-prepared elements and you could

come, get your coffee. Then during the day as 10

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bit more of a beer and wine opportunity as 12

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Then the next space back is sort of a group work area where you could just come and congregate, you could plug in whatever device you have and just have a social interaction in that regard.

The next space, which is sort of the reversed C shape that you see there, is a little bit more of a lounge, you know, it's a little bit more informal, very casual seating, throw pillows, very relaxed kind of environment that we developed there.

> Then the last grouping off to the far **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

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restaurant set up of tables and chairs. 3 4

Then heading out to the outside, again, different types of groupings of soft seating and two top and four top tables, and then we've got a Bocci court and we're working out some of the other elements as far as what

would occur into the landscape out there. 9 10

MR. NEMECEK: Can you provide us with a summary of the difference between the Type 3 food service establishment that was previously 12 approve back in February and the Type 1 food service establishment for which you're now seeking approval; what are the differences from a practical standpoint?

16 17 MR. WIMMER: In our case, most of it -- our restaurant is not going to be a cafe, 18

it's not going to be a place where you're going 19 20 to come get a cowboy bone on rib eye. It's not

21 that. It's definitely expanding far beyond the

food offerings that you're used to at current

23 Barnes & Nobles, which are mostly pastries and

paninis in addition to the coffee. We're 24

expanding into, you know, fresh salads, small **DINA M. MORGAN, REPORTER**

plates, bits of tapas offerings, in addition to beer and wine offering. The main shift, I

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think that's causing -- the main item that's 4

5 causing the shift from Type 3 to Type 1 is

blending the two occupancy categories together

in that it now has a much larger seating 7

capacity. Typically, our cafes are held at 49

9 seats, which keeps us within the realm of an

accessory use to the space. This now being 10

more of a full service type of establishment 11

12 breaks beyond that. I believe we have just shy

of a hundred seats interior and some additional 13 seats out on the exterior. So that causes a 14

change in occupancy classification, which, 15

therefore, takes us to bringing us into the 16

Type 1. 17

18 MS. UHLE: Actually, from a zoning 19 compliance standard, the difference is based on the type of cooking facilities that are 20

21 permitted. So with a Type 1 food service

22 establishment, you're allowed to have a Type 1

hood, and that allows you to do cooking -- not 23

24 that they're going to do this -- that produces

grease or smoke. It permits griddles, fryers, 25

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MR. NEMECEK: So like a bone in rib 3

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5 MS. UHLE: Yes, even if that's not what you're going to cook, but you would have 6

7 the facilities to do that. For a Type 3 food

service establishment, that's what the 504 New 8 Rochelle Road is proposing where you have hot 9

dog cookers, coffee makers, rice cookers, egg 10

11 cookers. So it's a lot less intense I guess 12 you would say.

You guys approved the Type 3, and our 13 14 zoning law says if you want to move from a Type 3 to a Type 2 or a Type 1, you have to come 15 back and ask for permission to do that. 16

THE CHAIRMAN: To amend the use.

MR. NEMECEK: Is the necessity or the application here to move from Type 3 to Type 1 motivated principally on the size or on the cooking facilities?

MS. UHLE: Well, there's two different things: From a zoning compliance perspective,

they're back because of the cooking facilities. 24

25 They're also back for an amended special permit

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can speak for people in my family, they're a

little more interested in the books than the

MR. NEMECEK: I think the town is -- I

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public hearing also?

MS. UHLE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: It's a public hearing

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and then we just make a -- then we can just

food.

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2	vote on the change ourselves?	2	to close the town of Eastchester Planning Board
3	MS. UHLE: That's correct.	3	meeting of June 23, 2016.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: So then I make a motion	4	MR. NEMECEK: Second.
5	to open the public hearing on Application	5	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.
6	15-84, Barnes & Noble, 680 White Plains Road.	6	(All aye.)
7	MR. NEMECEK: Second.	7	THE CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.
8	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.	8	,
9	(All aye.)	9	
10	THE CHAIRMAN: Last gentleman in the	10	
11	back there, nothing?	11	
12	(No comments.)	12	
13	MR. NEMECEK: Fake it. Come on.	13	
14	THE CHAIRMAN: So then a motion to	14	
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16	Barnes & Noble.	16	
17	MR. PULASKI: Second.	17	
18	THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor.	18	
19	(All aye.)	19	
20	THE CHAIRMAN: When are you guys	20	
21	opening? Not soon enough.	21	
22	I make a motion to approve	22	
23	application no, not to approve	23	
24	application to approve the application which	24	
25	includes the change in service special permit	25	
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